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C. G. Janes
Vice President and
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Dear Mr. Janes:

On behalf of Robie Russell and the other members of our Region 10 senior management staff, I want to thank you for the tour of your facilities at Thompson Creek last month. It helped all of us to better understand your operations as well as your challenges in complying with environmental regulations. The trip was particularly helpful to those in our group that rarely get a chance to see industry in operation. We appreciate the time you and your staff took to make our tour informative.

We are currently reviewing comments received on the proposed Cyprus-Thompson Creek NPDES permit reissuance and anticipate a response to be forthcoming in the near future.

I am particularly interested in the potential discharge from your tailings impoundment and your projected need for a permit modification. Please give us a call as soon as you have sufficient information and want to begin discussions regarding discharge alternatives.

Again, we commend you for the general environmental consciousness of your company.

Sincerely,

M. Lynn McKee
Director

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